

MEMORANDUM

To: Principals, Guidance Counselors, English/Social Studies Teachers, Parents and Students

From: Paula Battle, Oratorical Committee Chairperson

Date: October 23, 2014

Re: 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Competition

The Rocky Mount Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission invites students in grades 6-12 to participate in the twenty seventh annual MLK Oratorical Competition during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in January 2015. The Oratorical Competition will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Imperial Centre at 270 Gay Street, Rocky MountNC,27804.

The speech theme for students in grades 6-8 is **“Are We Still Dreaming.”** The overall theme for 2015 and for students in grades 9-12 is **“Still Dreaming ?.”** The maximum time for the presentation is three (3) minutes.

There will be first, second and third place winners in both categories of the competition. First place winners will receive \$150.00, second place - \$125.00 and third place -\$100.00. All participants will receive certificates of participation.

Please distribute the attached applications and guidelines to interested students and return them by Monday, January 5, 2015 to: Human Relations Department, 331 S. Franklin Street, Rocky Mount, NC27804.

Thank you in advance for your time and dedication. For additional information contact Archie Jones at (252) 972-1180 or archie.jones@rockymountnc.gov.

2015 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL COMPETITION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the contest is to allow students the opportunity to verbally express themselves using Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy.

THEME:

Grades 6-8 – **“Are We Still Dreaming?”**

Grades 9-12 – **“Still Dreaming?”**

PARTICIPANTS:

Students must live in the City Limits of Rocky Mount or attend a Nash-RockyMountSchool.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

1. The speech should clearly reflect the theme's message
2. It must be typed on (8 ½ x 11) white paper
3. Contestants' names should appear on the cover sheet, along with the theme's title
4. All contestants should be present for rehearsal/orientation in order to participate in the competition.

TIME LIMIT:

Speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Deadline for Entry Forms: **Monday, January 5, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.**
- Rehearsal/Orientation: **Wednesday, January 7, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.** on the third floor of City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Oratorical Competition – **Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Imperial Centre – 270 Gay Street – Downtown Rocky Mount

NOTE: Applications should be returned to:
City of Rocky Mount
Human Relations Department
P.O. Box 1180
Rocky Mount, NC 27802

**For additional information, please contact Archie Jones at (252) 972-1180
or archie.jones@rockymountnc.gov.**

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
ORATORICAL CONTEST**

**ENTRY FORM
2015**

Type or print information clearly:

Student_____ **Grade**_____ **Age**_____
First Name Last Name

Address_____ **Telephone No.**_____

City_____ **State**NC **Zip Code**_____

E-mail Address_____

School Name_____

School Telephone Number_____

Principal's Name_____

Check appropriate box

() A (Grades 6-8)

() B (Grades 9-12)

Signatures:

I have read and fully understand all rules for this competition. I certify that this is my own original work.

Student's Signature_____ **Date**_____

I have read this entry. I am pleased that my child will be participating in this contest. My child will present his/her original work.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature_____

Date_____